

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1513
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CORRUPTION IN CENTRAL COALFIELDS LIMITED
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the government are aware of large scale prevalence of corruption in Central Coalfields limited;
- (b) if so, whether the Government have received representations in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Government propose to investigate the matter through CBI or any other intelligence agencies; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a), (b) and (c) : Some representations were received in the Ministry from some Members of Parliament and other organisations, alleging increase in losses of CCL, manipulation in the purchase of spares, irregularities in disciplinary action initiated against officers on the basis of R.N. Mishra Committee Report, irregularities in the transportation of coal by Ex-Servicemen Transport companies, etc.

(d) and (e): The aforesaid complaints were inquired into, in consultation with the Central Vigilance Commission. As the allegations could not be substantiated, these cases were closed. However, as reported by the CBI, they had conducted searches at the premises of a former Coal Controller, CMD, CCL and four other officials of CCL/CIL on 17.11.2000. A RC 13(A)/2000(R) has been registered by the CBI, Ranchi Branch on 15.11.2000. The matter is under investigation.